

the time of holding court therein, so as to change the time of holding court in Gonzales county, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

WATSON, Chairman.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Wednesday, January 30, 1907.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson in the chair.

Roll call, quorum present, the following answering to their names:

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Chambers.	Meachum.
Cunningham.	Murray.
Faust.	Paulus.
Glasscock.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Harbison.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.

Absent.

Harper.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Boothe of Austin.
Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Terrell, the same was dispensed with.

(See Appendix for petitions, memorials and committee reports.)

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Murray:

Senate bill No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the payment to W. R. Davie, Tax Commissioner of the State of Texas, the sum of one thousand and forty-one dollars and sixty-six cents (\$1041.66) in payment of salary as such Tax Commissioner from the 2d day of January, 1906, to and including the 31st day of May, 1906, at the rate of \$2000 per annum, as prescribed by Section 5, Chapter 146, General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Twenty-ninth

Legislature, approved April 17, 1905, and not provided for by the act making appropriations for the support of the State government for two years ending August 31, 1907, approved May 23, 1905, and making appropriation for the payment of same."

Read first time, and referred to Finance Committee.

By Senator Murray:

Senate bill No. 131, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 5 and 6 of Chapter 103, approved April 15, 1905, providing for the sale and lease of the public free school and asylum land, and to add thereto Sections 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d and 6e, providing for placing the school land in certain counties on the market for sale; also providing for the sale of land in other counties without condition of settlement; to protect the owners of improvements, and to make certificates of occupancy a muniment of title and for the sale of mineral land with the reservation of the minerals thereon, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Watson:

Senate bill No. 132, A bill to be entitled "An Act to declare invalid any extension of promissory notes or other written obligations to pay money unless the same be in writing."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Glasscock:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 9, To amend Article 16 of the State Constitution by adding thereto Section 58, to establish a department to the State government on agriculture, horticulture and live stock, and further authorize the Legislature to add such other departments to the State government as may be deemed necessary by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Watson:

Whereas, C. T. Hancock has served as clerk in the Sergeant-at-Arms' office for a period of eighteen days, beginning January 8, A. D. 1907, and ending January 25, A. D. 1907; therefore, be it

Resolved, That he be allowed \$5 per day for said services.

The resolution was read, and referred to Committee on Contingent Expenses.
Morning call concluded.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

Senator Terrell here called up the following resolution, which was on the table subject to call:

Resolved, That the printer be instructed to furnish for the use of the Senators 2000 extra copies of Senate Journal of January 23, which contains a record of the vote cast for United States Senator in both House and Senate.

The resolution was read, and adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 13.

The Chair laid before the Senate, as pending business,

Senate bill No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the granting of divorce by annulling marriage, dissolving the bonds of matrimony, the practice in relation to the trial of divorce suits; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and with an emergency clause."

The following amendment by Senator Terrell was pending:

Amend Section 1 by striking out all of said section beginning with the first word "in" on line 13.

As a number of the members of the Senate were absent—excused on account of the investigating committee,

Senator Smith moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed until tomorrow morning, and

The motion was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 36.

The Chair laid before the Senate, regular order, Senate bill No. 8, and

On motion of Senator Chambers, the regular order of business (Senate bill No. 8) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 36.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 36, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3049, of Chapter 2, Title LVIII, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to insurance, and prescribing a penalty for failure to comply with same."

The bill was read second time, and ordered engrossed.

SENATE BILL NO. 69.

The Chair laid before the Senate, regular order, Senate bill No. 15, and

On motion of Senator Holsey, the regular order of business (Senate bill No. 15) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 69.

The committee report was adopted. (See Appendix of today's Journal for report.)

The bill having been reported from the committee today, Senator Holsey moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day be suspended for the purpose of considering this bill.

The motion was adopted, and

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 69, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Henderson county."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Holsey, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Chambers.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Holsey.	Willacy.
Hudspeth.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Paulus.
Green.	Senter.
Greer.	Skinner.
Harper.	Stokes.
Looney.	Stone.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alexander.	Hudspeth.
Barrett.	Kellie.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Cunningham.	Mayfield.
Faust.	Meachum.
Glasscock.	Murray.
Greer.	Smith.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Holsey.	Willacy.

Absent.

Brachfield.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Harper.	Stokes.
Looney.	Stone.
Paulus.	

Senator Holsey moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 99.

On motion of Senator Faust, the pending business (Senate bill No. 15) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 99.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 99, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 56 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, reorganizing the Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Forty-ninth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and fixing the time of holding district court therein; so as to change the time of holding district court in Gonzales county."

The committee report was adopted.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Faust, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Chambers.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Holsey.	Willacy.
Hudspeth.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Paulus.
Green.	Senter.
Greer.	Skinner.
Harper.	Stokes.
Looney.	Stone.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Chambers.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Holsey.	Willacy.
Hudspeth.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Paulus.
Green.	Senter.
Greer.	Skinner.
Harper.	Stokes.
Looney.	Stone.

Senator Faust moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 80.

On motion of Senator Barrett, the pending order of business (Senate bill No. 22) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 80.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Blossom Independent School District in Lamar county, Texas."

The committee report was adopted.

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Barrett, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Chambers.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Holsey.	Willacy.
Hudspeth.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Harper.
Green.	Looney.
Greer.	Paulus.

Senter. Stokes.
Skinner. Stone.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Chambers.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Harbison.	Veale.
Holsey.	Watson.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.

Absent.

Brachfield.	Paulus.
Green.	Senter.
Greer.	Skinner.
Harper.	Stone.
Looney.	

SENATE BILL NO. 52.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the pending order of business (Senate bill No. 22) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 52.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define the duties of railroad companies in this State with respect to shipping live stock, and to require that they promptly furnish cars for such shipments, and fix penalties for failure of such duty."

Senator Hudspeth offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend Senate bill No. 52 by adding the following:

"Sec. 3. There is now no law upon the statutes of Texas which will compel railroad companies to furnish cars for stock shipments, and the further fact that the stockmen of Texas are suffering and have suffered great financial loss thereby creates an emergency and imperative public necessity requiring that the constitutional rule, which provides for the reading of bills on three several days, be suspended, and it is hereby suspended and this act take effect from and after its passage."

Senator Chambers offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend the caption by adding after the word "duty," in line 9, "and providing an emergency."

Senator Smith offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend Section 1, line 15, by adding after the word "shipment," "or in case there is no such agent at the place designated for such shipment, then such notice shall be given to either the superintendent or any other agent of said company near such shipping point."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Chambers.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Harbison.	Veale.
Holsey.	Watson.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.

Absent.

Brachfield.	Paulus.
Green.	Senter.
Greer.	Skinner.
Harper.	Stone.
Looney.	

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Chambers.	Mayfield.
Cunningham.	Meachum.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Harbison.	Veale.
Holsey.	Watson.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.

Absent.

Brachfield.	Paulus.
Green.	Senter.
Greer.	Skinner.
Harper.	Stone.
Looney.	

Senator Hudspeth moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 61.

On motion of Senator Meachum, the pending order of business (Senate bill No. 22) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 61.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 93 and 94 of Chapter 124 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, relating to school trustees and their duties."

The committee report, with amendments, was adopted.

Senator Meachum offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend the bill in line 17, page 3, of the printed bill by striking out the word "place" and insert in lieu thereof the word "opinion."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Meachum, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alexander.	Masterson.
Barrett.	Mayfield.
Chambers.	Meachum.
Cunningham.	Murray.
Faust.	Paulus.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.

Absent.

Brachfield.	Looney.
Green.	Senter.
Greer.	Skinner.
Harbison.	Stone.
Harper.	

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Hudspeth.
Barrett.	Kellie.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Cunningham.	Mayfield.
Faust.	Meachum.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Griggs.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Stokes.
Holsey.	Terrell.

Veale.
Watson.

Willacy.

Present—Not Voting.

Murray.

Absent.

Brachfield.	Looney.
Green.	Senter.
Greer.	Skinner.
Harbison.	Stone.
Harper.	

Senator Meachum moved that the vote by which the bill was passed be reconsidered, and

The motion was adopted, which placed the bill back on second reading.

Senator Meachum moved that the bill lie on the table subject to call.

SENATE BILL NO. 28.

On motion of Senator Chambers, the pending order of business (Senate bill No. 22) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 28.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent any person, or association of persons, firms or corporations from charging a higher rate of interest than 10 per cent, and providing a penalty therefor."

Senator Chambers offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend Senate bill No. 28 by adding: "Sec. 3. That, whereas there is now no adequate law upon this subject creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days should be suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

Senator Murray offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding to Section 1 the following: "Provided, that if attorney's fees are added as interest or discount, the same shall be usury."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Glasscock offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by adding after the word "interest," in line 15, page —, the following words, "provided the provisions of this bill shall not extend to loans of less than \$50."

Senator Chambers moved to table the amendment, and the roll call developed no quorum voting, the following Senators answering to their names:

Yeas—12.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Paulus.
Chambers.	Smith.
Cunningham.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Watson.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.

Nays—8.

Faust.	Meachum.
Glasscock.	Murray.
Griggs.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Veale.

Absent.

Brachfield.	Masterson.
Green.	Mayfield.
Greer.	Senter.
Harbison.	Skinner.
Harper.	Stone.
Looney.	

The Chair directed the roll of the Senate called, which developed a quorum present, as follows:

Alexander.	Mayfield.
Barrett.	Meachum.
Chambers.	Murray.
Cunningham.	Paulus.
Faust.	Smith.
Glasscock.	Stokes.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Holsey.	Watson.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.
Kellie.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Looney.
Green.	Masterson.
Greer.	Senter.
Harbison.	Skinner.
Harper.	Stone.

Question then being on the motion to table, the same was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Barrett.	Mayfield.
Chambers.	Paulus.
Cunningham.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stokes.
Holsey.	Terrell.
Hudspeth.	Willacy.

Nays—7.

Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Veale.
Grinnan.	Watson.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Brachfield.	Looney.
Green.	Masterson.
Greer.	Senter.
Harbison.	Skinner.
Harper.	Stone.

Senator Chambers offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend Senate bill No. 28 by adding after the word "thereof," in line 8, page 1, "and declaring an emergency."

Senator Chambers offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend Senate bill No. 28, page 1, line 8, by adding after the word "cent," "per annum."

Senator Meachum offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill in line 14 of Section 1, after the word "forfeit," by striking out the words "both the principal and," and insert in lieu thereof the word "double."

FIRST HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, January 30, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

House bill No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railway corporations and belt and suburban railway companies having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1887, and which have failed, or are about to fail, to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law."

House bill No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act imposing an annual occupation tax upon each office or place kept and maintained by express companies in this State at which intoxicating liquors legally deliverable upon payment of purchase money therefor, providing a penalty for failure to pay such tax, and declaring an emergency," with engrossed rider.

Substitute House bill Nos. 63 and 173, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3698, Chapter 6, of Title LXXIX, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, relative to the salaries of the under officers and employees of the State penitentiaries of Texas."

House bill No. 73, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the drinking of in-

toxicating liquors on passenger trains and coaches in this State."

Respectfully,
BOB BARKER,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) had read and referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bills:

House bill No. 27, referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

House bill No. 53, referred to Finance Committee.

Committee Substitute for House bills Nos. 63 and 173, referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

House bill No. 73, referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

(See captions above, House message.)

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES.

Executive Office,
Austin, Texas, January 30, 1907.

To the Senate:

The advice and consent of the Senate is requested to the following appointment:

W. P. Mahaffey of Taylor county as district attorney of the Forty-second Judicial District, vice W. J. Cunningham, resigned.

T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor.

Executive Office,
Austin, Texas, January 30, 1907.

To the Senate:

The advice and consent of the Senate is requested to the following appointments:

Commissioners of Pilots for the Port of Galveston—John Young, Robt. B. Strickland, M. O. Nobbe, J. M. O. Menard, J. H. Fricke.

T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION — TIME SET FOR.

On motion of Senator Stone tomorrow at 11 o'clock was designated as the time for the Senate to sit in executive session for the purpose of considering the above appointments by the Governor.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Griggs, the Senate, at 12:30 p. m., adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 30, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

House bill No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railway corporations and belt and suburban railway companies having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1887, and which have failed or are about to fail to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

CHAMBERS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 26, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate and legalize all sales of real estate belonging or that belonged to Coleman county, situated in the town of Coleman, in Coleman county, heretofore made at private sale for and in behalf of said county by J. F. Miles and W. O. Read, each in his representative capacity as commissioner, under appointment of the commissioners court of said county, by orders entered upon its minutes, to sell and dispose of real estate of said county situated in said town, and also validating all conveyances of said real estate made by said commissioners as such, in consummating such sales,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STONE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 30, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 36, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3049 of Chapter 2, Title LVIII, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to insurance, and prescribing a penalty for failure to comply with same,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section two (2) of an Act approved May 11, 1905, creating the Jacksonville Independent School District, in Cherokee county, Texas; defining its boundaries, etc., which is Chapter three (3), General Laws, passed at the First Called Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, so as to more particularly and accurately define and describe its boundaries, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 29, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it an offense punishable by fine and removal from office for any executive, legislative, ministerial or judicial officer of this State, county, city or other municipal subdivision of the State to appoint or vote for the appointment of any person related to him by affinity or consanguinity within the third degree, to any clerkship, office, position, employment or duty in any department of the government of which such executive, legislative, ministerial or judicial officer may be a member; or any person so related to any other such officer, in consideration of the appointment or vote for the appointment by such officer, or any person so related to the officer making or voting for such appointment; prohibiting the payment of any such ineligible person out of any public funds, and providing for suitable punishment and removal from office for the violation

of this act and fixing venue, and providing an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, January 30, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 69, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 32 of the Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, page 241, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road law for Henderson county, creating the office of county road superintendent, prescribing his qualifications and duties; providing for working county and State convicts and delinquent poll tax payers on public roads; rewards and penalties for escaped convicts; for the appointment and duties of road overseers, and fixing amount of their pay and prescribing penalties against road overseers, hands and road superintendent, and prescribing the duties of the county attorney, grand jury and district judge in seeing its provisions enforced; fixing width of public roads, and providing how they shall be worked, graded, etc.; for the building of bridges, culverts, etc., by the lowest responsible bidder, the plan for which is furnished by the county superintendent; for the hiring of teams, tools and wagons by the county superintendent and overseers, and relieving of hands by paying \$4 per annum, and for opening up two first-class roads running east and west and north and south through the county seat; and for the appropriating of the taxes collected in each commissioners precinct; fixing the ages of persons liable to work on roads; providing for the levy of road and bridge tax, and issuance of bonds for road and bridge purposes; and fixing the bonds of the county superintendent and road overseers and penalties to be recovered in case of a breach thereof; and providing that, in cases where there is a conflict in this and the General Laws of this State, this supersedes the General Law, and where there is no conflict the General Law still remains in force, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that same be not printed.

GREEN, Chairman.

MEMORIALS.

The Chair had the following read and ordered printed in the Journal:

(See Dallas News, p. 13, of January 20.)

(Personal.)

Weatherford, Texas, January 26, 1907.

To the President of the State Senate,
Upper House of Representatives.

Dear Sir: My very high opinion of your love for all that is good, and knowing that you have great power in shaping legislation, causes me to write you this. There is a good number, of various denominations, of preachers who are doing mission and other purely gospel work on such small income that they can not continue that kind of work and not hurt their families if the Legislature cuts off the railroads from giving them railroad passes. I personally know what I say. However hastily or inconsiderately worded the Democratic platform, nothing is more certain than that the grand old party and the people of all parties of Texas do not want preachers of the gospel, their families or the weak mission work hurt by depriving of any help any railroad gives them by free transportation. These men of God do not pose as politicians—and the law is designated to cut off political influence—as you well know. These men who, on stunted incomes are working for us all have no lobby or no one to plead for them in Austin.

You please see they are not cut off.

Yours,

JAMES LANEY.

To Senator Meachum:

Resolved, That the Madison County Medical Association heartily indorses the Anatomical Bill and the Practice Act Bill as proposed by the Committee on State Legislation of the State Medical Association, and we urgently request our Representatives in the present Legislature to vote for and advocate these measures to the full extent of their ability.

Resolved, That our Senator and Representative be furnished a copy of this resolution.

J. E. MORRIS, President.

G. P. DAY, Secretary.

January 15, 1907.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Thursday, January 31, 1907.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson in the chair.

Roll call, quorum present, the following answering to their names:

Alexander.	Looney.
Barrett.	Masterson.
Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Chambers.	Meachum.
Cunningham.	Murray.
Faust.	Paulus.
Glasscock.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stokes.
Grinnan.	Stone.
Harbison.	Terrell.
Holsey.	Veale.
Hudspeth.	Watson.
Kellie.	Willacy.

Absent.

Harper.

SENATORS EXCUSED.

By unanimous consent, Senators Brachfield, Green, Greer, Looney, Senter, Skinner and Stone were excused from attendance upon the Senate for an indefinite time, they being members on the part of the Senate of the Bailey investigating committee and their absence is on account of the meeting of that committee.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Booth of Austin.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Alexander, the same was dispensed with.

(See Appendix for committee reports, petitions and memorials.)

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Masterson:

Senate bill No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6, Chapter 102, of the Laws of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of an act approved May 10, 1899, being 'An Act to promote agriculture and stock raising and to prohibit the hunting with firearms or dogs upon the enclosed and posted lands of another in all counties of this State, not especially named as exempt from the provisions of this act,' so as to include Galveston county within the provisions of that act, and not as exempt from it."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.